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Celebrate Indiana Limestone Heritage during the Month of June

Bloomington, Ind. – Limestone is one of the most influential components to the culture, history and economy of southern Indiana. To help celebrate this heritage, the Monroe and Lawrence County communities have designated June as Limestone Month.

Throughout the month, activities and events have been planned to showcase the local limestone architecture, artistry, science and history. One of the larger events is the Indiana Limestone Symposium, June 6-27. This is the 14th annual Limestone Symposium, which offers a series of workshops on carving and working with limestone. There are also open house times which allow visitors to watch the carvers in action.

Numerous tours will be available during the month, in addition to the self-guided driving tour of the Indiana Limestone Heritage Trail. One such tour is a walking tour through the IU Campus that highlights limestone architecture and sculptures, led by Brian Keith, a staff member at the Indiana Geological Survey.

Of special interest to families, the WonderLab Museum in Bloomington will highlight the science of limestone. Among WonderLab's unique experiences will be interactive gallery chats about the biology and surprising geologic history of our region's ancient environment, limestone-themed craft stations, a limestone art exhibition, and interactive themed programs every weekend.

Limestone Month was created by the Bloomington and Lawrence County Convention & Visitors Bureaus to help promote the Indiana Limestone Heritage Trail. This trail follows the 35 mile corridor of limestone called the Salem Belt. Along the trail are various limestone quarries, sculptures, architecture and art. "This heritage trail has been a major collaborative effort between many local limestone agencies and enthusiasts. We want to provide visitors and locals with opportunities to explore and learn about our limestone heritage," says Julie Warren, Director of Tourism at the Bloomington CVB.

More information and a complete calendar of events are available at www.limestonemonth.com.

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